

Teikyo-Harvard-Cambridge Symposium

Genetic Science, Policy and Public Health

*An International Symposium
12 and 13 September 2002*

*Buckingham House
New Hall
Cambridge*

Sponsored by

Teikyo University, Tokyo

Harvard School of Public Health

Cambridge Institute of Public Health

Genetic Science, Policy and Public Health

The Universities of Teikyo, Harvard and Cambridge have organised biannual Symposia on major issues of public health

- 1994 Environment, Health & Medical Care for 21st Century
- 1996 Health and the Work Environment
- 1998 Evaluation in Medicine and Health Care: Towards Evidence Based Medicine in Clinical Practice and Presentation
- 2000 Ageing and Health

Teikyo University was established by Dr Shoichi Okinaga in 1966. Medicine, Law and Pharmaceutical Sciences are among its eight graduate schools in Japan. It has established campuses in Europe and the United States and provides opportunities for medical students and faculty to study at Harvard and Cambridge.

The **Harvard School of Public Health** seeks to address the health of populations by investigating problems of global scope and complexity. It has four objectives: to educate scientists and leaders for public health; to undertake research; to inform debate and public policy on key issues; and to strengthen services to meet health needs in the community.

The **Institute of Public Health**, was established in 1993 as a joint venture between the University of Cambridge, the British Medical Research Council and the National Health Service. It incorporates the University Department of Public Health and Primary Care, the MRC Biostatistics Unit, and the NHS Regional Public Health Observatory. Within the University Department are the NHS Public Health Genetics Unit, the CRC Genetic Epidemiology Unit and an MRC Co-operative group on gene-environment interactions. The Institute in collaboration with other university departments has recently been selected as the location for a multi-disciplinary government funded Genetics Knowledge Park.

The **Symposium** will comprise four half day structured sessions each with a specific theme. In each session there will be presentations from Japan, US and UK to expose both common concerns and national differences. In each session there will be structured and informal discussion of the issues to which all attending the Symposium will be encouraged to contribute. It is intended that the proceedings, including summaries of the discussion, should be published.

Day 1 – Thursday 12th September

■ Session 1 – Setting the Scene

- Science in the post genome era
- Ethical, social and political implications of the human genome project
- Gene environment interactions – the public health perspective

■ Session 2 – Genetic Data and Confidentiality of Health Records

- International perspectives
- Ethical issues
- Protecting confidentiality through regulation or legislation

On the evening of Thursday 12 September there will be a **Symposium Dinner at Emmanuel College**.

Day 2 – Friday 13 September

■ Session 3 – Commercial Implications

- Intellectual property rights
- Pharmaco-genetics
- Industrial perspectives

■ Session 4 – Genetic Testing

- Clinical practice
- Employment/insurance
- Education of public and clinicians
- Impact on public health

International Symposium, Cambridge

The speakers will include:

Dr Martin Bobrow

Professor of Clinical Genetics,
University of Cambridge

Dr Joe Brain

Professor of Environmental Physiology,
Harvard School of Public Health, USA

Dr Richard Himsworth

Director, Institute of Public Health,
University of Cambridge

Dr Hiroo Imura

President, Kyoto University
Council for Science and Technology
Policy, Cabinet Office, Japan

Dr Tom Leamon

Vice President, Liberty Mutual
Insurance Company, USA

Dr Margaret Llewelyn

Senior Lecturer in Law, University of
Sheffield

Dr Clare Matterson

Wellcome Trust, London

Dr Shinichiro Nanko

Professor of Psychiatry, Teikyo
University

Dr Shoichi Okinaga

President, Teikyo University

Dr Onora O'Neill

Principal, Newnham College,
Cambridge

Sir John Pattison

Director, Research Analysis and
Information, Department of Health,
London

Dr Frank Speizer,

Channing Laboratory and Brigham
Women's Hospital, Boston, USA

Dr Takako Takano

Department of Hygiene & Public
Health, Teikyo University

Dr Eiji Yano

Professor of Public Health, University of
Teikyo

Dr Ron Zimmern

Director, Public Health Genetics Unit,
Cambridge

Organising Committee:

Dr Joe Brain, Dr Richard Himsworth,
Dr Eiji Yano and Dr Ron Zimmern

REGISTRATION FORM

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PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

Organisation/University

Title (Dr/Mr/Ms etc)

Surname

First name(s)

Job title

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Fax

Email

Special requirements

☐ I have the following requirements regarding diet or disability (e.g. vegetarian diet)

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

☐ Please reserve a place for me on the International Symposium 12 and 13 September 2002

Payment (*See over for further information*)

☐ Please reserve a place including accommodation at New Hall. I enclose a cheque for £480.

☐ Please reserve a place excluding accommodation. I enclose a cheque for £280.

Cheques should be made payable to Cambridgeshire Health Authority. Cheques must be in sterling and drawn on a UK bank. If you wish to pay by bank transfer, please contact Ros Suttle

Please return form and payment to: Ros Suttle, Conference Project Manager, ALPHA, Block 2, Ida Darwin, Fulbourn, Cambridge CB1 5EE

Closing date for registrations : 30 July 2002

Symposium fee and accommodation

The full fee for the Symposium is £480 payable in advance. This fee covers registration, accommodation at New Hall (on 11 and 12 September in en suite facilities) and all meals including the Symposium Dinner. For those who wish to attend but do not require accommodation the fee, including the Symposium Dinner, is £280.

Cancellations

An administration fee will be charged for all bookings cancelled up to 14 days before the start of the course. After this time no fees are returnable.

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Enquiries

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All reserved places must be confirmed in writing.

Buckingham House

Buckingham House is a newly opened conference facility with accommodation which is part of New Hall. New Hall is an undergraduate college of the University and a recent (by Cambridge standards – 50 years) foundation. It is located on the Huntingdon Road within walking distance of the center of Cambridge.

The Institute of Public Health

The Institute of Public Health , University of Cambridge is located adjacent to the School of Clinical Medicine and Addenbrookes' Hospital, the main university teaching hospital, on the south side of the city. The Institute occupies a new building. As well as being a centre of research it provides post graduate teaching in public health and epidemiology, and many opportunities for doctoral research.

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Public Health Genetics Unit

The Public Health Genetics Unit was established in 1997 by the NHS Executive and Research & Development Programme. The Unit aims to keep abreast of developments in molecular and clinical genetics, and in their ethical, legal, social and public health implications. It provides a link between academic research, clinical practice and the development of policy in the NHS for genetics and genetics services. It will be the hub for the new multidisciplinary Cambridge Genetic Knowledge Park.

The PHGU has a web site at <http://www.medinfo.cam.ac.uk/phgu>

ALPHA (Access to Learning for the Public Health Agenda)

ALPHA is a facilitative and educational resource unit dedicated to the development of multi-disciplinary public health across the Eastern Region. ALPHA aims to provide a responsive and flexible resource to allow increased access to multi-disciplinary public health skills and knowledge through: conferences and seminars, training, facilitation and co-ordination of networks and groups, needs analysis and qualitative research.
